

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

Jersey City Gas Works Explode and Three Men Are Killed
—A Heavy Fire Follows.

Judge Breathitt Renders an Important Decision—Another Flustered Expedition Leaves for Cuba.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Jersey City Gas Works were wrecked this morning by an explosion. Three people were killed and several more severely injured. As a result of the explosion a paper mill was set on fire, the Central trestle is now burning and much valuable property in the neighborhood was badly shattered.

JUDGE BREATHITT'S DECISION.
Says a Convict Murderer Can Not Be Tried For His Crime.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24.—According to the ruling of Circuit Judge Breathitt, of Lyon county, a convict can force the governor to pardon him or else murder his fellow convict with impunity. Warden Happy, of the Eddyville branch penitentiary, wrote today to Attorney General Taylor that the judge has decided that he has no jurisdiction or right to try a convict guilty of murder inside the walls till the expiration of the term for which he was originally sentenced to the prison. This means, of course, that the man can not be punished for murder unless the governor pardons the first of offense for which he is confined. This seems to be a brand new ruling, as numerous convicts in this and other states have been immediately tried and executed for killings within the walls.

Small Failure.
Hawesville, Ky., Dec. 24.—R. B. Pierce, owner of the Falcon coal mines, made an assignment today. The failure is a small one, and was not unexpected.

WEATHER.

Dec. 24.—Fair Warmer Sat-

A FOOT BALL

And a Young Lady Who Wasn't Afraid to Kick It.

This afternoon a crowd of boys was playing foot ball near Fourth and Washington streets, when a stylishly dressed and attractive young lady came along. The foot ball passed near her, and with a skip and a jump, her dainty toe landed on the oval, there was a meteoric display of lingerie and a shapely ankle, and the ball shot high above the tree tops. The young lady smiled and passed on. Quite a number happened to see and enjoy the unusual occurrence.

\$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

W. F. Dean Sues the Old People's Line.

For the Death of George Dean Last July.

Willard F. Dean, administrator of the estate of George Dean, deceased, this afternoon filed suit in the circuit court against the People's Street Railway Company for \$10,000 damages.

He alleges that last July, one Saturday night, the deceased boarded a Rowlandtown car to go home, and that the motorman did not stop the car when the former rang the bell. He was thrown violently down at Twelfth and Trimble streets and died early the following morning from his injuries. The plaintiff accordingly sued for \$10,000 damages.

SCHOOL BOARD.

Regular Meeting Held Last Night—Big Coal Contract Let.

Teachers Allowed Their Pay—Mr. J. Andy Bauer Qualifies As a Trustee.

The Board of Education met last night at the city hall in regular session, the January meeting, as is the custom, being held before Christmas, in order that the teachers can secure their checks and enjoy Christmas.

All the members were present except Trustees Smith and Byrd, who were on the sick list.

The minutes of the last meeting were read approved.

Miscellaneous bills to the amount of \$1,187.73, and the regular pay roll of \$2,228.26 were allowed.

Superintendent McBroom's report giving the average daily month to be 1,899 board, a total of

was read, treasury of

JUDGE BISHOP'S LAST COURT.

Meeting of the Members of the Paducah Bar Held This Morning at Court House.

Resolutions Passed and Appropriate Remarks Made—Many Lawyers Speak—Judge Bishop's Farewell.

The Paducah bar met at the court house this morning, and Col. L. D. Husbands, circuit judge-elect, was chosen to preside, with Clerk J. Will Fisher secretary.

A committee composed of Attorneys Henry Burnett, I. M. Quigley, W. D. Greer and T. E. Moss, was appointed on resolutions. After retiring, the committee returned the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Honorable Judge of the McCraken Circuit Court, W. S. Bishop, has been intimately associated with the members of this bar for the last seventeen years, and during that time has by his uniform courtesy towards the members of his court and the fairness of his decisions won their affection, respect and esteem, therefore, be it

Resolved, That as this is the last term of court over which he will preside before retiring from the bench, we wish to express to him our appreciation for the public services he has rendered during his long term in office, and for the patient, untiring zeal he has shown in his efforts to dispense justice.

We have ever recognized in him purity both of heart and mind, and the ability of an honest, hard-working and upright judge and learned jurist, and because of these qualities we have learned to love and respect him and will ever remember him with honor and pride.

We take pleasure in saying that no man who has heretofore been honored with this high position has filled it more acceptably, both to the members of the bar and to litigants, than Judge Bishop.

We express to him our unanimous wishes for his future prosperity, success and happiness.

Signed: W. D. Greer, Henry Burnett, Thos. E. Moss, I. M. Quigley.

Appropriate remarks were made by Col. Q. Q. Quigley, Josiah Harris, Thos. E. Moss, E. W. Bagby, R. T. Lightfoot, Henry Burnett, Hense G. Harris, Sam Houston, and Col. L. D. Husbands. It was ordered that the resolutions be spread on the records of the court and published in the city papers.

Judge Bishop then made a farewell talk that was greatly appreciated by all those present.

THE FATAL GRATE.

A Little Child at Princeton Burned To Death.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 24.—The child of Col. Humphreys in this county, was burned to death this morning by its clothing catching fire from a grate.

Cherries in Maraschino Capers, Preserved Ginger, Fancy Imported and Domestic Peas, Imported Olive Oil, Pickle Pepper Hash, Celery, Mustards, Olives, etc., at Beckman's. Phone 259.

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Van Culin Bros. for the benefit of their customers will keep open until 12 o'clock tonight.

THE THREE RIVERS.

Marine Items Picked Up Around the Wharf of General Interest.

Capt. Dave Woods is on the Leyhe fleet tug Echo.

Capt. Henry Leyhe has gone to St. Louis to spend the holidays.

Capt. Fred Daft went home today to spend the holidays.

The towboat Defender left Pittsburgh today with a tow of coal for southern points.

The steamer Tennessee arrived here early this morning out of the Tennessee river.

Business was very active on the wharf boats and levee today, there being considerable freight handled to the outgoing packets.

The Tennessee brought out of the Tennessee river this morning several hundred head of cattle, besides no little amount of miscellaneous freight.

The Wash Henshell arrived here late yesterday afternoon from Mississippi river points with a big tow of lumber which goes to Cincinnati.

The Dick Fowler cleared for Cairo this morning at 8:30, doing a nice business. She will remain here tomorrow on account of being Christmas.

The river rose here last night eighteen inches and continues to swell at a lively rate, almost covering the bar last night. By tomorrow morning that eyeore to river men will be completely submerged.

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29 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

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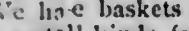
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Men's Green \$5.00 Shoes, for	\$3.50
William Kingland Men's Patent Leather \$6.00 Shoes for	4.00
Banister's Men's Patent Leather \$6.00 Shoes, for	5.00
Ladies' Green Coin Lace or Button \$4.00 Shoes for	3.00
Ladies' Dongola, Pat. Leath. Tip, Needle Toe, button \$3.50 Shoe for	2.50
Men's Embroidered \$1.50 and \$2.00 Slippers for98
Ladies' Satin Quilted, Fur Trimmed Slippers for	1.25

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321 BROADWAY

Your picture

DAILY AVERAGE FOR TWELVE OF THE PADUCAH DAILY SUN

FRIDAY, DEC. 27.

CHRISTMAS TIME

The Sun will take a Christmas gift in the form of a holiday. Its employees tomorrow, and hence no issue of the Sun will be published on Christmas day. It is the only holiday in the whole year that the Sun's force can take advantage of. The Sun extends to its readers the compliments of the day and wishes to one and all an abundance of Christmas cheer, a week of holiday relaxation and recreation, and a joyous New Year.

Dress patterns from these pretty all-wool novelties at 25c the yard. Handsome ladies' cloths in all the stylish shades, 52 inches wide, at 50c the yard. Silk waists from our collection of rich silk and Roman stripe china and silks, at 65c, 75c and 85c.

In Sterling Silver

Handsome paper cutters for 75c. Delicate glove buttoners only 25c. Shoe buttoners and nail files, 7 inches long, 35c. Manicure scissors, regular \$1.75 value, only \$1.00 pair here.

DOLLS

For all the little ones, prettier and cheaper than you ever saw 'em before. Just four items from the immense stock:

10 cents—boys here jointed body dolls with pretty faces and curly hair. 15 cents—Fancy dressed dolls with heads that turn.

25 cents—Handsome bisque head, kid body dolls, open and close their eyes. 48 cents—Nicely dressed, pretty slippers and hats, bisque heads.

Handsome Wraps

Jackets, fur collars, stylish capes and collarets—all reduced to prices that will move the big stock quickly—your opportunity to buy a useful present at a small cost.

TO US FOR

We will give \$25 to the Home of the Friendless in Paducah, Ky., if any daily paper in Paducah or the First congressional district will produce an affidavit similar to the following, showing a larger daily average than 1589, and give them credit for the largest circulation in the district.

We, the undersigned manager, foreman, circulator, pressman, do certify that the daily circulation of the Paducah Daily Sun for the twelve months ended December 20, 1897, averaged fifteen hundred and eighty-nine every day.
F. M. FISHER, Manager.
Geo. W. WALTERS, Pressman.
A. E. YOUNG, Foreman.
S. A. HILL, Circulator.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, December 22, 1897.
W. F. PAXTON, Notary Public.

lows true statements to go unrefuted and has actually he reiterates the same false statements. What must be to condition of the pride and self-respect of a newspaper man who is content to remain thus inadvised in the eyes of his readers.

LOW PRICE OF COTTON.

The Paris (Tenn.) Herald is at variance with the Sun at all points. It disagrees with our position on the condition of railroad employees and the cotton and wheat situation. About cotton it says:

According to the Paducah (Republican) Sun the law of supply and demand fixes the price of wheat, etc., but cotton—oh no! The Sun tries to tell its readers why cotton is selling for less than five cents, and at the same time says the visible supply of this staple was less on September 1, than for many years. Funny, isn't it, the less wheat in sight the higher the price, but the less cotton we raise the lower the price. Will some mathematician or statistician please explain why?

The law of supply and demand fixes both the price of wheat and of cotton. The world's supply of wheat is short, though the American crops are large. Hence the high price of wheat, which is in strict accordance with the above law.

At the beginning of the new cotton season, September 1, the visible supply of cotton in the markets of the world was less than at any time since September, 1897.

On the other hand, the American crop of 1897 is estimated at 1,500,000 bales larger than that of 1896, and the crops of the rest of the world for those two years being about the same, it remains that the world's 1897 crop is a million and a half bales larger than that of 1896. But our friends cannot conceive of wheat and lower cottons from the fact broad, while inferior wheat, does people to can save it have

ticket. The limited vocabulary of the English knows no such word as seratek. It does not embarrass him to ask the election officers to show him how to vote, and a law that would not prevent the officers from showing him could not operate as a barrier to his suffrage, as is doubtless intended by the progenitors of the proposed measure.

The changed law would have just the opposite effect on the white voters who cannot read. Has it ever occurred to those advocating the proposed change that the illiterate white man is more sensitive than the illiterate colored man, and many of them, rather than be embarrassed at the polls, would stay at home on election day. And it certainly won't do to argue that there are more white Republicans than Democrats who can not read. Therefore, upon this ground alone (and there are others), as a partisan Democratic scheme, the removal of the devices would, in our humble opinion, be a signal failure.

MOSE KENTUCKY POST OFFICES.

All Acc Now Settled But Four, of Which Particular Is One.

The Courier-Journal's Washington correspondent says: The settlement of the Winchester post office right late this afternoon leaves but four presidential democratic postmasters in office whose terms have expired. These are at Mayfield, Paducah, Williamsburg and Ashland. Mr. Colson will reach a decision on the Williamsburg bill during his Christmas stay in Kentucky, as will Mr. Patch at Ashland.

A REST

From Tariff Agitation for Many Years to Come.

The Committee on Ways and Means Has So Decided—
A Welcome Relief.

Walter Weller, reporter to the Lexington

An announce-
ment has been
made by members of
the Legislature. It

The annual session of the Ways and Means Committee means much more than are on the surface. It means probably, a long rest from legislation. For the agitation is ready under consideration among republican leaders that just as soon it becomes possible to do so safely a announcement be made that it is Republican policy to leave the tariff alone for perhaps ten years. It will be possible to make this announcement as soon as the Dingley law shall have been tested a little further. Before the present session of Congress comes to an end it will be seen beyond the possibility of error whether or no changes will be needed in the future. Mr. Dingley and his associates upon the committee are all confident the present law will supply all the revenue needed to carry on the government. If this should prove to be a mistake, and only some slight additions to the government income are needed, these can be easily secured through the internal revenue sections.

The Republican party, in other words, plants itself upon the present tariff, and is not afraid to meet attack in that position. If the Democrats criticize this law and propose to enact a better one, then they will be forced to go before the country as tariff agitators, and the Republicans are satisfied there is nothing else in the world concerning the tariff which the country needs and wants to much as a rest. Taking the country as a whole probably it would be willing to accept a tariff law—good, bad or indifferent, Republican, Democratic, or anything else—and make it permanent for the purpose of suspending these often-recurring periods of agitation. In these days, when the prospects for currency reform are not so very bright, and when it is apparent the battle of the standards must be yet fought out, it must be some encouragement to the business interests to know that the tariff seems to be settled where it is for eight or ten years.

ELKS' SOCIAL SESSION.

To Be Held Monday Night.—Dr. Dillon Now An Elk.

The Elks, at their regular meeting last night, initiated Dr. Marmaduke Dillon, hospital surgeon of the Illinois Central. The lodge decided to hold a social session Monday evening next, Mr. A. W. Gilef to be chairman. No one but Elks and those whose petitions have been received will be admitted to the social.

POLICE APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Lang Has a Sack of Applications.

All Have to Be Passed Upon Before the List Is Completed.

"What about the police appointments?" a reporter asked Mayor Lang.

"Oh, nothing," was his reply, as he indicated that the subject was one that made him tired. "But I'm at work on those appointments today," he continued.

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